**Bungalow Allotment to All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped**

2249. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of VIP's letters received for Bungalow allotment to "All India Association for SC/ST & Physically Handicapped" in recent past;

(b) Since when request of this Association is pending with Ministry;

(c) the details of action taken so far;

(d) the number of Bungalows/Flats allotted to NGOs/Welfare Association/Press Reporter/Correspondents till date;

(e) the number of Bungalows/Flats allotted to SC/ST Association; and

(f) by when allotment to the Association in (a) above would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Banning of weightlifter after doping test**

2250. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one more weightlifter has been banned due to doping;

(b) the number of Indian weightlifters who have so far been banned for doping; and

(c) the countries where these weightlifters were sent for training?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The International Weightlifting Federation/ Indian Weightlifting Federation has, from time to time, taken action by way of ban/suspension against 10 weightlifters for doping violations since 2001. Of these, 4 lifters remain under ban/suspension as on date. Out of the weightlifters against whom action for banning/suspension has been

taken, two weightlifters were sent abroad for training in Belarus in 2004 prior to the detection of the violation and their suspension.

**Rural sports programme**

2251. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance extended to different States during the last three years under the Rural Sports Programme till date;

(b) the details of sports talents spotted in rural areas, during the last three years, game-wise, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have so far reviewed its Rural Sports Programme launched in 1970; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The details of financial assistance extended to different States during the last three years under the Rural Sports Programme, are given in the Statement-I.

(b) A list indicating the number of talented sportspersons spotted during the last three years, State-wise, game-wise is enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Government reviewed and revised the functioning of the Rural Sports Programme in the year 2004-05. The revised scheme has the following provisions:—

1. The Government of India has introduced financial assistance to district-level tournaments. Assistance of Rs. 30,000/- per discipline is given to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), including the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, for organizing district-level sports tournaments.
2. The assistance for State and UT-level tournaments has been increased to Rs. 50,000/- and Rs. 25,000/- per discipline respectively from Rs. 30,000/- and Rs. 15,000/-
3. For National-level tournaments, separately for men and women, a grant of Rs. 2,50,000/- per discipline is provided to SAI against Rs. 2,00,000/- earlier.